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Sen. LeMahieu Comments on Informational Hearing on Campaign Finance *Legislature has duty to repeal and replace Chapter 11*

Madison – Today, the Senate Committee on Elections and Local Government and the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections held a joint hearing with testimony from various experts on campaign finance law and Chapter 11 of Wisconsin Statutes.

“Today's hearing gave great insight into what the legislature *can* and *cannot* do with respect to campaign finance and the First Amendment,” Sen. LeMahieu stated. “We gleaned some important lessons about what we *should* and *should not* do as well. What is entirely clear is that we *must* take major action to rewrite Wisconsin’s campaign finance laws.”

“The invited speakers provided an engaging conversation from a variety of perspectives. One consistent point of agreement emerged: the Legislature has a duty to repeal and replace Chapter 11. Moving forward my goal is to create a new framework that gives clear and concise direction to those engaging in political speech.”

The joint legislative hearing heard testimony from GAB Director Kevin Kennedy, Attorney Mike Wittenwyler of Godfrey & Kahn, S.C., Matt Rothschild of Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, Jay Heck of Common Cause, Attorney Rick Esenberg of the Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty, and Attorney James Bopp, Jr. of the Bopp Law Firm.

Senator Devin LeMahieu represents the 9th Senate District, which includes parts of Sheboygan, Manitowoc, and Calumet Counties.

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